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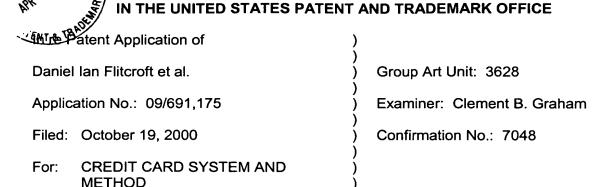
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The submitted information includes U.S. Patent No. 6,298,335, which was discovered by the undersigned during preparation of *Ex Parte* Request for Reexamination No. 90/007,481, filed on March 28, 2005; and U.S. Patent No. 6,012,048, which was cited in an Office Action that issued in connection with U.S. Patent Application No. 09/548,659 on April 6, 2005.

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